

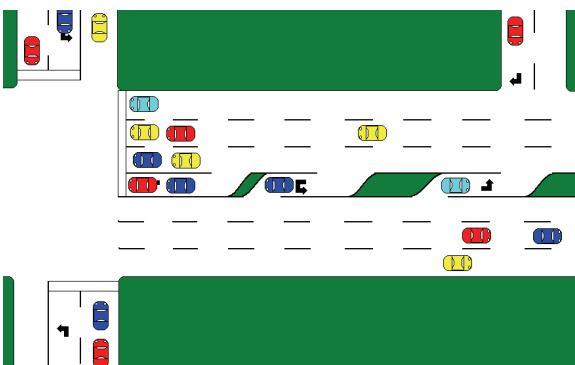
What is Access Management?

Access management is the careful planning of access to roadways and highways for efficiency and safety.

Think about how efficient it is to travel on an interstate with only a few access points every couple miles. This is not efficient for a neighborhood where each house needs access to the road.

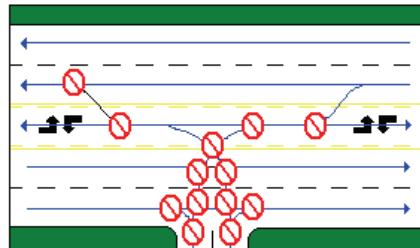
In addition, studies have shown that left turns increase opportunities for collisions, and forcing cars to make right turns then U-turns decreases collisions.

Although, ideal conditions are not always practical, we strive to make all roadways as safe and efficient as possible.

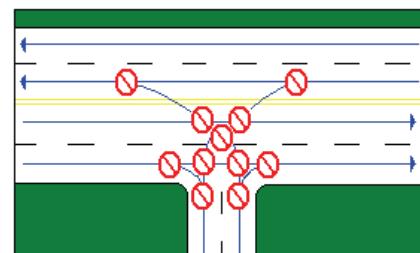


Conflict Points

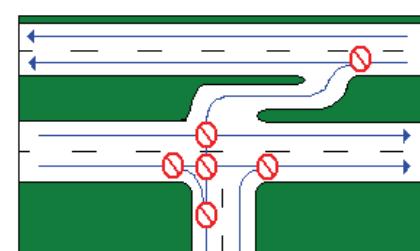
Conflict points represent a place on the road where the paths of two vehicles may cross. Each time the paths of vehicles cross, an opportunity for a collision is created.



Two-way turn lane - 13 conflict points



No Median = 11 conflict points



Raised Median - 6 conflict points



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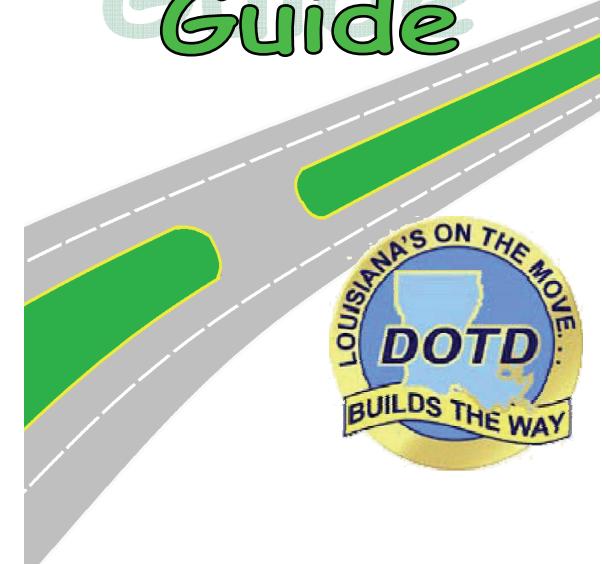
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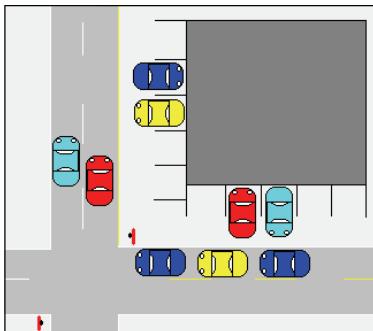
Access Management: A Helpful Guide



Who benefits from access management?

Everyone! Businesses, travelers, truckers, shoppers, everyone headed to and from work; **everyone benefits from better flowing traffic and ease of access!**

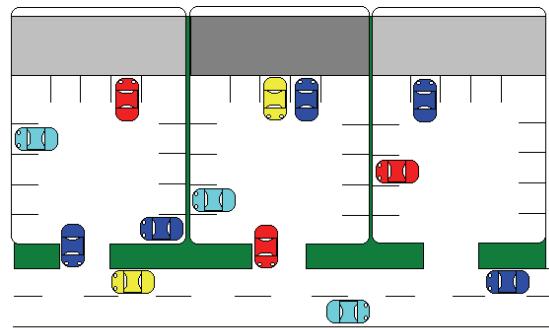
What happens without access management?



Many locations, like the one shown above, were once perfect for vehicle access. Over time, as population and traffic increase, **the location becomes increasingly difficult to access**. Congestion makes it more difficult to enter and leave the parking spots and merge onto the road.

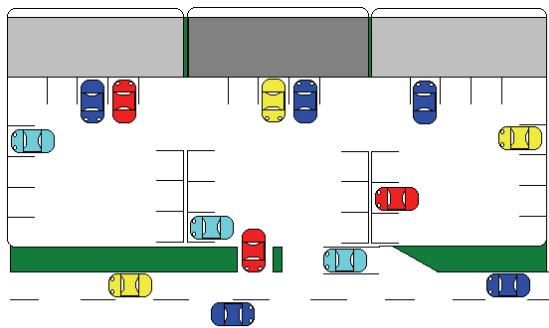
Parking Lot Interconnectivity

Before



- No access between parking lots
- Many driveways congesting highway
- 27 conflict points

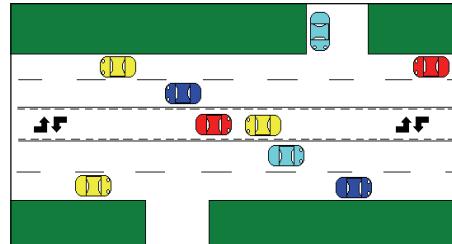
After



- Store to store access
- Protected right turn lane at entrance decreases conflict points
- Consolidated driveways and parking lot interconnectivity reduce conflict points
- 8 conflict points

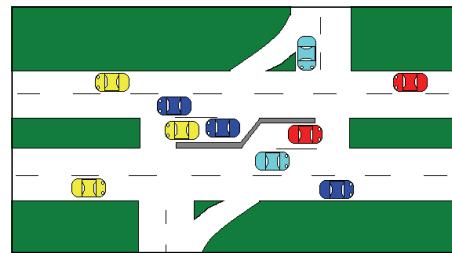
Turn Lanes & Medians

Before



- Uncertainty about when drivers should move into turning lane causes conflict
- Turning lane clogged with opposing vehicles
- Drivers turning left from driveways must watch at least four lanes of traffic
- Use of turn lane as an acceleration lane for entering traffic
- 26 conflict points

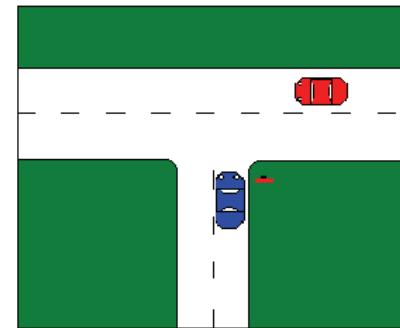
After



- Designated turning lanes reduce conflict points
- Changing left turn option from driveways into right turn with U-turn reduces conflict points
- 16 conflict points

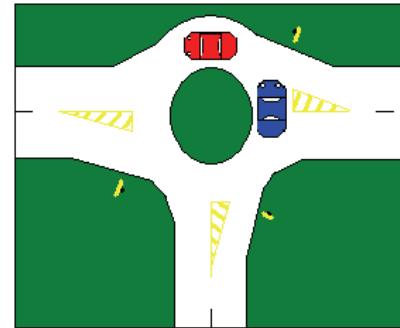
Roundabouts

Before



- Drivers must slow down generously to turn
- Traffic must stop in one direction
- Turning vehicles may halt through traffic
- 7 conflict points

After



- No stop required when roundabout is available, reducing traffic
- Yield signs make all drivers cautious and safe
- Island allows for scenic additions
- Naturally slower speeds